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In re Application of:

Yisong Yu, et al

NOVEL LAYERS IN PRINTING  
PLATES, PRINTING PLATES AND  
METHOD OF USE OF PRINTING  
PLATES

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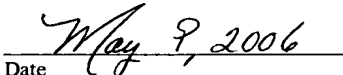
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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

In response to the Office Action dated February 10, 2006,  
Applicants respectfully request reconsideration for the following reasons.

Applicants are appreciative of the indication of allowability of all  
of the remaining claims except Claims 62-67. It is believed that those claims  
should also be allowed.

**Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. 103**

Claims 62-67 have been rejected as unpatentable over the teaching  
in U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0007751 (Inoue et al.). This  
rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Office Action supports the rejection with arguments that Inoue  
et al. describes a negative-working lithographic printing plate precursor having a  
hydrophilic support and a heat-sensitive layer containing a thermoplastic  
particulate polymer that can include pendant carboxy groups, and a hydrophilic